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Dear Friend or Colleague,

We wanted to introduce you to the MusiCares Medical Network, a growing group of health providers who volunteer their care or provide reduced rates to musicians who are not able to afford medical insurance. Many artists are among the millions of uninsured Americans, and while that may change in the future, there are many in the music community who still cannot currently afford health care.

MusiCares receives requests for many services. Healthcare is among the most important. The MusiCares staff reviews the client's financial information and confirms that he or she has been a professional musician for over five years, is uninsured and does not have the means to pay for medical services. MusiCares then contacts a designated person in your office to verify that the patient qualifies for the program. The patient then calls to make an appointment. If there are specific tests required, MusiCares can negotiate with a hospital or imaging center for a reduced rate and typically cover those costs. Approval must be made in advance for any funding needed for medical care. The program is designed to help you help the musician, so do not hesitate to contact Debbie Carroll or her staff at MusiCares for assistance.

We currently have engaged many specialties, including Internal Medicine, Anesthesia, Orthopedic Surgery, General Surgery, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Dentistry, Podiatry, Urology and Physical Therapy in addition to the Pacific Surgery Center of Santa Monica. However, we are looking to expand our coverage and swell our ranks to provide a broad outreach to the music community. So if you know any health care professionals who share a passion for music, please help us reach out to them. We also receive donations from Smith and Nephew for orthopedic implants and are looking to partner with a general surgery equipment provider to help with mesh for hernia repair.

If interested in joining us, we ask for your website address so that we may provide a link on the MusiCares website to recognize your participation in the charitable arm of the Recording Academy (GRAMMYS). Again, we greatly appreciate your willingness to help care for the music community and look forward to seeing you soon.

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